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RESPONSE E under 37 CFR §1.312

In response to the Notice of Allowability dated December 28, 2006, Applicants wish to bring several errors in the Specification and allowed claims to the Examiner's attention:

In the Claims: There is an error in the listing of allowed claims: Claims 56-65, 67-85, 87-95 and 98-109 are listed as allowed claims; however claim 102 was previously cancelled and should not be listed among the allowed claims. The correct listing of allowed claims should be: 56-65, 67-85, 87-95, 98-101 and 103-109.

The Examiner's Amendments regarding claims 56, 81 and 107-109 are acceptable to Applicants. However, the Examiner's Amendment to claims 98, 99, 101 and 103-105 regarding the parent claim change from "97" to "107" is in error. Claims 98, 99, 101 and 103-105 should

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be dependent upon parent claim 109 instead of 107. Claims 98, 99, 101 and 103-105 are all “means plus function” type claims and should be dependent from claim 109 (which is also “means plus function”), whereas claim 107 is a “device” claim and does not provide proper antecedent basis for dependent claims 98, 99, 101 and 103-105.

Applicants have provided a complete listing of claims with the corrected (amended) claims 98, 99, 101 and 103-105.

In the Specification: In addition to the aforementioned items concerning the allowed claims, Applicants wish to make the following corrections to the Specification and Drawings. Applicants apologize for not finding these errors during earlier stages of the prosecution. These corrections address minor typographical errors and do not introduce new matter or new issues.

In the Specification at page 44 (¶184), a spelling error is corrected (slip drive “right” to slip drive “ring”) that is apparent from its context.

In the Specification, at page 44 (¶185) and at page 47 (¶198), reference is made to balls **912** (regarding **Figure 24B**). It is apparent from **Figure 24B** that the balls are actually indicated by reference number **930** and that reference number **912** is already used to indicate a slip ring (as indicated elsewhere in ¶183-184 on pp 43-44 and also in **Figure 24B**).

In the Drawings: A typographical error involving element **968** has been corrected to remove extraneous reference numbers 970 and 972 (see details elsewhere in this amendment).

Although Applicants believe that there are no fees due at this time, please charge Applicants’ Deposit Account No. 500913 for any additional fees that may be due.

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